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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION AMBASSADOR EBERLE VISIT TO BRUSSELS

1. INITIAL PRESS REACTION TO EBERLE VISIT TO BRUSSELS  
BY INTERNATIONAL PAPERS AVAILABLE HERE TODAY GENERALLY  
FAVORABLE, HIGHLIGHTING POSITIVE COMMENTS BY COMMISSION  
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OFFICIALS. ERRONEOUS STORY CARRIED BY SOME ITALIAN

PAPERS AND INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE DESCRIBED IN EC  
BRUSSELS 7890. BELGIAN PRESS REACTION BEING SENT SEPTEL.

2. EUROPE BULLETIN SAID EBERLE WAS ABLE TO REASSURE  
EUROPEANS CONCERNING THEIR ANXIETY OVER POSSIBLE  
DEFLATIONARY EFFECTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S PACKAGE BY POINTING  
OUT THAT THE BUDGET "WHILE BEING THE OBJECT  
OF A CERTAIN AUSTERITY EFFORT", IS 12 PER CENT OVER  
LAST YEAR. EUROPE GIVES GOOD ACCOUNT OF EBERLE COMMENTS ON US  
GRAIN EXPORTS AND TRADE BILL.

3. UPI LEAD SAYS "EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET LEADERS  
PRAISED PRESIDENT FORD'S ANTI-INFLATION PACKAGE TODAY  
BUT SAID THEY FEARED IT MIGHT SIDETRACK CONGRESSIONAL  
ACTION ON A WORLD TRADE BILL". UPI QUOTES EC COMMISSION VICE-  
PRESIDENT SOAMES AS SAYING FORD PACKAGE "MAY BE A VERY CONSIDERABLE  
CONTRIBUTION TO PROBLEMS WHICH THE WORLD IS GOING THROUGH," AND  
CONTINUES THAT ACCORDING TO A HIGH EC SOURCE, SOAMES TOLD EBERLE  
THAT THE ADMINISTRATION SHOULD GIVE THE TRADE BILL  
PRIORITY OVER ANTI-INFLATION LEGISLATION. ITEM MENTIONS EBERLE  
STATEMENT THAT EUROPEAN EXPORTS TO THE US SHOULD RISE AS RESULT  
OF PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM AND THAT US HAS NO PLANS FOR GENERAL EXPORT  
CONTROL PROVIDED OTHER COUNTRIES KEEP REASONABLE RESTRAINTS ON  
THEIR ORDERS.

4. REUTER LEAD QUOTES SOAMES THAT "THE COMMON MARKET  
COMMISSION IS 'IMPRESSED AT FIRST SIGHT' WITH ELEMENTS"  
OF THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSALS AND THAT THE PROGRAM  
"SUGGESTED ' FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES WHICH COULD HELP SOLVE  
SOME OF THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS.'" REMAINDER OF DISPATCH  
GIVES FACTUAL, POSITIVE ACCOUNT OF EBERLE PRESS CONFERENCE.

5. FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE AND NEUE ZURCHER ZEITUNG GIVE  
STRAIGHT FACTUAL DESCRIPTION OF PURPOSES OF VISIT.

6. FOLLOWING LINE IN HERALD TRIBUNE, GUARDIAN SAYS  
"EBERLE HAS ASSURED THE COMMISSION THAT THE US IS NOT  
PLANNING TO INTRODUCE CONTROLS ON FOOD EXPORTS TO THE EEC.  
HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO COMMUNITY OFFICIALS, MR. EBERLE  
MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT THE US EXPECTED THE  
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EUROPEANS FOR THEIR PART TO LIMIT IMPORTS -- NOTABLY OF ANIMAL  
FEEDSTUFFS -- ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS." LATER THE ARTICLE  
SAYS THAT EBERLE ATTEMPTED TO ALLY EUROPEAN FEARS BY  
INSISTING THAT THE ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM WAS NOT  
DEFLATIONARY. HE MADE A CLEAR DISTINCTION BETWEEN FOOD SALES  
TO THE SOVIET UNION AND EXPORTS TO THE COMMUNITY,  
JAPAN AND CANADA, THE ARTICLE CONCLUDED.  
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